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THE HONGKONG MINSTREL TROUPE will give TWO FIRST-CLASS ENTERTAINMENTS, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), 11th August, 1894.

For the benefit of those Soldiers and Police who have been, and those who are still, engaged upon work in connection with the Plague.

These Performances are given under the distinguished Patronage and Support of:—
His Excellency the GOVERNOR SIR WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.
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UPWARDS OF 60 PERFORMERS in the MINSTREL CIRCUS.

GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT, introducing NOVELTIES never before seen in Hongkong, under the entire supervision and sole direction of Mr. W. FARMER.

Full Particulars in Programmes which will be issued on or about Monday, August 6th.

By the kind permission of COLONEL ROBINSON and OFFICERS, the BAND of the Shropshire Light Infantry will play at each performance.

Popular Prices, . . . \$2 and \$1.
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half-price for seats only.

Doors open at 8.30; Commencing at 9 o'clock precisely.
Plan and Tickets at Messrs KELLY AND WALSH, LIMITED.

Seats may be booked on and after Monday, August 6th.
A SPECIAL PLAIN will run to the Peak, and a SPECIAL LAUNCH to Kowloon, 15 minutes after each performance.

WILLIAM BLAYNAY,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, August 10, 1894. 1289

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

JAPAN, Italian barque, Capt. Bartolomeo Goussardino—Musso & Co.
SILVERHORN, Brit. 4-masted ship, Capt. R. Gibson—Shewan & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

VICTORIA ENGLISH SCHOOLS,
CHANGINGOVER, CAINE ROAD.

THESE BOARDING AND DAY-SCHOOLS will be RE-OPENED for the NEW TERM on MONDAY, 13th Instant.
For Terms and Prospectus, apply to THE HEADMASTER.
Hongkong, August 10, 1894. 1308

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.
The Steamship
Lightning,
Capt. K. H. SURDBERG, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 11th Instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, August 10, 1894. 1283

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
The Co.'s Steamship
Haitan, Captain HOPKINS, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 12th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, August 10, 1894. 1307

Dakin, Cruickshank & Company, Ltd.
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

FIRST-CLASS DISPENSING at prices that will bear comparison with first-rate pharmacies at home.

Every care is taken to ensure prompt despatch; all Drugs and Chemicals used are guaranteed to be of the finest quality, and all the Europeans in the firm are qualified by British examination.

PATENT MEDICINES, INVALIDS' REQUISITES, SURGICAL APPLIANCES, Etc., Etc., at Current Rates.

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The Dispensary is open from 7 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. on WEEK DAYS and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on SUNDAYS, but Medicine may be obtained at any hour, day or night.

Any Complaints should be addressed to the MANAGER.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

| Destination | Vessels | Agents | Date of Leaving |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Japan | Verona (s) | P. & O. S. N. Co. | Aug. 17, at noon |
| London, v. Suez Canal | Laertes (s) | Butterfield & Swire | Aug. 14 |
| London & Ports of Call | Rosetta (s) | P. & O. S. N. Co. | Aug. 16, at noon |
| London and Hamburg | Flintshire (s) | Doddwell, Carill & Co. | About August 14 |
| London | Java (s) | P. & O. S. N. Co. | About August 22 |
| Manila | Adon (s) | P. & O. S. N. Co. | About Sept. 4 |
| Manila, v. Saigon | Sungliang (s) | Butterfield & Swire | Aug. 12, daylight |
| Marseilles, v. Saigon | Oxus (s) | Messageries Maritimes | Aug. 22, at noon |
| New York, v. Suez Canal | Pyrrhus (s) | Butterfield & Swire | Aug. 14 |
| New York | Bidston Bill | Siemens & Co. | Quick despatch |
| New York | Paranilla | Butterfield & Swire | Quick despatch |
| San Francisco, v. Japan | Peru (s) | Butterfield & Swire | Aug. 25, at 5 p.m. |
| San Francisco, v. Japan | Oceanic (s) | O. & G. S. S. Co. | Aug. 21, at 1 p.m. |
| Shanghai | Silverhorn | Shewan & Co. | Quick despatch |
| Shanghai | Cathay (s) | P. & O. S. N. Co. | Aug. 11, at noon |
| Shanghai | Lyonnais (s) | Siemens & Co. | Aug. 14, at 4 p.m. |
| Shanghai, via Amoy | Adon (s) | P. & O. S. N. Co. | About August 15 |
| Shanghai, via Amoy | Choyang (s) | Jardine, Matheson & Co. | Aug. 15, at 10 a.m. |
| Spore, Penang & Ota | Laway (s) | Siemens & Co. | Aug. 16, at 4 p.m. |
| Spore, Penang & Ota | Lightning (s) | D. Sassoon, Sons & Co. | Aug. 11, at noon |
| Spore, Penang & Ota | Haitan (s) | Douglas Larrick & Co. | Aug. 12, daylight |
| Vancouver (B.C.) | Empress of China (s) | Canadian Pacific R. Co. | Aug. 15, at noon |
| Victoria (B.C.) | Victoria (s) | Nor. Pac. R. Co. | Aug. 28, at noon |
| Yokohama and Kobe | Hertha (s) | Siemens & Co. | Aug. 13, at 4 p.m. |

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

THE NEXT GYMKNIA will be held on the 1st of SEPTEMBER. Programmes may be had at the Club To-morrow.

W. B. E. MURRAY,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, August 10, 1894. 1310

G. NEPEAN, Deceased.

ALL Persons having CLAIMS against the ESTATE of G. NEPEAN, late Tidewater, Imperial Maritime Customs, are requested to send them in to the Under- signed by the 10th SEPTEMBER NEXT, and all Persons INDEBTED to the Estate, to make Payment to the Under- signed forthwith.

L. C. HOPKINS,
H. M. Acting Consul,
TAMU, Administrator.

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THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

IN accordance with the Provision of No. 121 of the Articles of Association, the General Agents have this day declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND of 8 PER CENT. for the Half-Year ending 30th June, 1894, on the Paid-up Capital of the Company.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS, Payable on MONDAY, 27th August, will be issued to SHAREHOLDERS.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 27th Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, August 10, 1894. 1309

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
August 9—
Catterthun, British steamer, 1,460, Neil Shannon, Sydney July 15, Newcastle 18; Catterthun 22, Thursday Island 25, and Port Darwin 30, General—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Sungliang, British steamer, 904, C. B. N. Dodd, Manila Aug. 6, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Pronto, German steamer, 632, Ebn, Newchwang August 1, Beas—SIEMSEN & Co.

Nanchang, British steamer, 1,062, E. F. Ilayson, Newchwang and Chafoo August 1, Beas—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

August 10—
Canton, British steamer, from Canton.
Tai Yick, German str., 904, R. Schuldt, Newchwang Aug. 2, and Chafoo 3, Beas and Vermicelli—MEYER & Co.

Oceanic, British steamer, 2,440, W. M. Smith, R.N.R., San Francisco July 17, and Yokohama August 4, Mails and General—O. & G. S. S. Co.

Haitan, British steamer, 1,192, A. E. Hodgins, Foochow August 7, Amoy 8, and Swatow 9, General—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP Co.

Cathay, British str., 1,873, A. Symons, Bombay July 25, and Singapore August 5, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Nanyang, German steamer, 1,059, F. Schulz, Newchwang Aug. 3, and Chafoo 5, Beas and General—QUON CHONG TZE.

DEPARTURES.
August 10—
Formosa, for Singapore and London.
Haitan, for Swatow.
Nanyang, for Canton.
Yuenang, for Manila.
Pronto, for Canton.
Nanchang, for Canton.
Tai Yick, for Canton.

CLEARED.
Alvine, for Hoihow.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Per Catterthun, from Sydney, &c., Mr and Mrs Fook Sun, nurse and 2 children, Messrs Ah Kow, Otaheiti, 28 Chinese, and 7 Japanese.
Per Sungliang, from Manila, 1 European (cabin), and 53 Chinese.
Per Oceanic, from San Francisco, &c., Messrs F. J. East, Geo. H. Wheeler, Lieut. Markham, F. Mason, Mr and Mrs Foller, and 77 Chinese.
Per Haitan, from Coast Ports, 326 Chinese.
Per Cathay, from London, &c., Messrs J. Purnham, Peership, J. Livingstone, J. Hutchinson, H. McPhail, Major Lindley, R.E., Miss Anderson, Capt. and Miss Ellis, Mr D. G. Beattie, Capt. Ripley, Mrs Oh Tanna, Capt. McKenny, Lieut. F. J. Wallis, Mr. The Brocks, Mrs Bourne's family, Mrs Symonds' family and servant, Mr Paul Asia, Mr S. A. Yabar, Mrs Omita, Mrs Yama Moto, Mr Omita, and 14 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
Per Haitan, for Swatow, 120 Chinese.
Per Yuenang, for Manila, 2 Europeans.

TO DEPART.
Per Alvine, for Hoihow, 150 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The E. & A. Co.'s s.s. Catterthun, Capt. Neil Shannon, reports: Leaving the Co.'s Wharf Sydney at 10 a.m., 15th July, arrived Newcastle same evening; after coaling

sailed again at 5 p.m. on the 16th; passed Cape Moreton noon, 18th; North Reef 10th; arrived Cleveland Bay 8.45 a.m., 21st, sailed 11 a.m., same day. Coasting 22nd; arrived Thursday Island 24th, sailed 4 p.m., 25th; arrived Port Darwin 28th, sailed 10th; Marseilles arrived 2nd August. Banks passenger p.m. 3rd, Bastian Straits a.m. 5th; cleared Otaheiti 7th, and arrived Hongkong 5.30 p.m. 9th. From Sydney to the Coast, light to moderate S.W. to N.W. winds and fine weather; Coasting to Port Darwin, moderate S.E. winds and fine weather; thence to Banks, fresh S.E. winds, with rain squalls; thence to Otaheiti, moderate to light S.W. monsoon and fine weather. On the 22nd July, passed the 0.2d. N. Co.'s s.s. Triton, at 8.30 a.m., 10 miles South of Archipelago; at 1.10 a.m. 23rd, passed the Co.'s s.s. Alvin, at 6.30 a.m., August 6th, passed the s.s. Mergul, entering the Bastian Straits; at 1.40 p.m. same day, passed a C.N. Co.'s s.s. steering South; 7.40 p.m. 6th, passed Co.'s s.s. Triton, off the Pandan Islands, steering South.

The British steamer Sungliang reports: Had moderate S.W. wind and heavy throughout.

The British steamer Nanchang reports: Put into Amoy for heavy weather; left gain on 8th for Hongkong; arrived last night at 8.30 p.m.

The British steamer Oceanic reports: Fine weather throughout.

The British steamer Haitan reports: Foochow to Amoy, light variable winds and fine. Amoy to Swatow, similar weather. Swatow to Hongkong, light Southerly and fine to Chafoo Point; thence to port, light Southerly with rain. Steamers in Foochow, Iren and Haidin. Steamers in Amoy, Formosa and Yung Ching. Steamers in Swatow, Wooning and Singing.

The British steamer Nanyang reports: From Chafoo strong breeze and high sea from South until Haidin Island; thence to port light variable winds and rain showers.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—
For BANGKOK—
Per Moughat, at 9.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 11th inst.

For STRAITS & CALCUTTA—
Per Lightning, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 11th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For SWATOW & SINGAPORE—
Per Pookan, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 11th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW—
Per Haitan, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 11th inst.

For MANILA—
Per Sungliang, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 11th inst.

For HOIHOW & HAIPHONG—
Per Aik, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 11th inst.

For SWATOW & BANGKOK—
Per Phe Nang, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 12th inst.

For YOKOHAMA & HIOGO—
Per Hertha, at 9.30 p.m., on Monday, the 13th inst.

For SHANGHAI—
Per Lyseum, on 5.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 14th inst.

For AMOY, SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA & VANCOUVER, B.C.—(Supplementary mail on board till 10 a.m. departure. Extra postage 10 cents.) The Japan and Canadian mails will be transferred at Shanghai to the Empress of China.

Per Choyang, Registration 11 a.m. Let-tem 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 15th inst.

For SINGAPORE—
Per Lauang, at 5.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 16th inst.

For NAKASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA—
Per Yuenang, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 17th inst.

For SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA & TACOMA—
Per Victoria, Registration 11 a.m. Let-tem 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 28th inst.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC.—
The United States Mail Packet Peru will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 11th Instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—
NOON. Registry closes.
12.30 P.M. Post Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet, with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—
The British Contract Packet Rosetta will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 10th Instant, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and countries beyond, and for the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Burma, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

MONETARY.—The Post Office declines all responsibility for unregistered Letters containing bank notes, coin, or jewellery, and where Registration has been neglected, will not be responsible in alleged losses of such letters (Post Guide, Part 80).

RECOMMENDATION.—Correspondence, not registered for Private Ship Mails up to five minutes before the time for closing; for the Shanghai or Yokohama contract mails, up to a quarter of an hour before; for mails for Europe, &c., up to an hour before; for American, Canadian, Indian, Northern Pacific and Torres Straits mails, up to half an hour before.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Noon.—Cathay leaves for Shanghai.
Noon.—Lightning leaves for Straits and Calcutta.

1 p.m.—P. M. S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Japan and San Francisco.
Amusements.
9 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, August 13:—
Re-opening of Victoria English Schools.
Re-opening of Diocesan School & Orphanage.

Dividend of 2 1/2 % on Shares of The Hongkong & Canton Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., paid.
Goods per Otaheiti undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, August 15:—
Goods per Steamer Yarriz undelivered after this date subject to rent.
9 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.

THURSDAY, August 16:—
Goods per Hertha undelivered after this date subject to rent.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.

FRIDAY, August 10:—
Transfer Books of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 27th Instant, inclusive.

SATURDAY, August 18:—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation at the City Hall.

MONDAY, August 20:—
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

MONDAY, August 27:—
Dividend Warrants of China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., payable.

MONDAY, September 10:—
Call of 50 Cents on Shares of The New Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ltd., due.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, August 10, 1894.

On London, 2/11
" On demand, 2/11
" 30 days' sight, 2/11
" 4 months' sight, 2/11
Credits, 4 2/11
Debit, 4 months' sight, 2/11

On Peking, 2.65
On Hongkong, 2.70
On Berlin—Dumag, 2.14
On New York—
On demand, 51 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight, 52 1/2

On Bombay—
On demand, 194
On Calcutta—
On demand, 194
On Cebu—
On demand, 194

On Shanghai—
On demand, 73 1/2
30 days' sight, private paper 74
Gold Leaf, 100 rms (per ton) 48.20
Silver (per oz.) 0.31
Silver (per oz.) 28 1/2

A. S. WATSON & Co. LIMITED.

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CELERY SEED:—
SOLID WHITE
MANCHESTER
SULMAY'S PRIZE PRINCE
WRIGHT'S GIANT WHITE
WHITE PRINCE;
Also,
CINERARIA:—
MARITIMA
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The above can be sown now and next month in boxes under cover, protected from ants.

CLAY'S FERTILIZER.

A high-class Fertilizer for Pot Plants and for use in the Garden generally: it supplies natural nourishment to the soil, and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the Plants to attain to their full size, vigour, and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10 lbs. each, \$1.75.
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The Best and Cheapest Machines in the Market.

For Sale at Manufacturers' Prices.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
Hongkong, July 30, 1894. 1249

BIRTH.

On the 10th Instant, at No. 9, Bellios Terrace, the wife of GEO. P. LAMBERT, of a Daughter.

The publication of this issue commenced at 6.50 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 1894.

The issue of the Gazette Extraordinary, dated 9th inst., declaring that the Neutrality Regulations will come into force at this port on the 15th inst., gives the mercantile community a definite basis, so far as it goes, for a future course of action during the existing 'state of war' between China and Japan. It is, perhaps, an open question whether a declaration that 'reprisals' are in progress differs very much from a declaration that a 'state of war' exists. The differentiating conditions are furnished by the course of action likely to be taken by the belligerents. Of course the issue of the Neutrality Proclamation in Hongkong presupposes that the belligerents have gone to war, and are prosecuting their warlike operations upon the principles of modern nations, as set forth in international law-books and modern treaties. But this is a position based upon facts so far as we have got them? The belligerents are apprentices in the art of war according to modern rules; and, indeed, they cannot as yet be regarded as full-grown members of the community of nations, inasmuch as their jurisdiction over neutrals is not complete. The Prize Courts which may be established must, we presume, be mixed tribunals, composed of native and foreign judges; and so far as we are aware, no rules have yet been framed by which any question could be settled in a Chinese or Japanese Prize Court other than those furnished on behalf of the neutral subject whose property is seized. This consideration may have some bearing on the reply given in the House of Commons by Sir Edward Grey 'that it was not for the combatants to decide what was contraband of war regardless of the rights of neutrals.' Much interest, however, is felt in the question, how these young aspirants to the position of belligerents under modern rules will observe the law of nations. It is well known that Japan has been trying to take an independent place among civilized nations for some years back, and doubtless her advisers will do all in their power to encourage this desire. It may be that her older neighbours of China will endeavour to rival Japan in this attempt; and in such case, the consideration of the relations of neutrals to belligerents will be materially simplified.

One of the principal questions which arises out of the war is the interference with legitimate commerce which may arise. The declaration made, on behalf of China, that the port of Shanghai will be treated as a neutral port, looks well for the part proposed to be played by the Chinese Government. No similar announcement has been made by Japan up to the present time, although it may be inferred that both belligerents must entertain a mutual desire to deal gently in their own interests, with the trade which gives rise to so many of their subjects. Although it may not be within the power of China or Japan to declare what is contraband 'regardless of the rights of neutrals,' it might be deemed advisable by both belligerents to agree that rice, coal, &c., be declared not to be contraband. Such a decision, if formally announced to the neutral powers, would greatly simplify the relation of the belligerents with the various nations engaged in trade. In the Far East; while the effect of such a decision would, in our opinion, give an undue advantage to either side. The continuance of the trade in Japan and in neutral bottoms would counter-balance any advantage gained by the free transit of the rice of commerce in neutral vessels. Endless disputes and possible complications with neutral powers would thus be avoided, and the ordinary trade of China and Japan would be maintained and safeguarded by such an agreement as we suggest.

We cannot say whether this suggestion will be regarded as worthy of consideration by the parties immediately concerned, or whether it will be advanced by the Representatives of the Powers at Peking and Tokio. But it must be borne in mind by those concerned that notice must be given by the belligerents that any article that is classed as 'occasional contraband or contraband by implication or according to circumstances' can be dealt with as contraband only after notice has been given that they are to be treated as such.

THE 'CASS' AFFAIR.

OFFICIAL DISCLAIMER.

The following letter, has been forwarded to us by the Hon. A. J. Leach, Acting Attorney General:—

Attorney General's Office, Hongkong, August 10, 1894.

Sir,—In connection with the statements in your issue of the 8th and 9th inst. as to the s.s. Cass, I am expressly authorized to say that no 'serious question' has arisen, and that no 'lucy point' has been under consideration with regard to her.

I am further directed to say that the Neutrality Proclamation in the Gazette of the 9th inst. had no connection whatever with the statement in your issue of the 8th inst. that the production of the Cass had already gone.

Kindly insert this letter in your next issue.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully

A CHINESE Christian named Joseph Han, student at the Alice Memorial Hospital, was brought up in the Police Court yesterday afternoon, charged with theft of \$40 from a visitor's box in a fellow-student's room. The only evidence, however, was that Joseph had been spending money freely on a prostitute, and that he might have had access to the box. Defendant was therefore discharged.

Our Sydney contemporary, the *Morning Herald*, states that since the outbreak of the plague in China, business between China and Australia has materially fallen off. Referring to the return of Mr. Quong Tart, the same journal states:—During Mr. Quong Tart's recent visit to China he made special inquiries relative to the prospects of opening up fresh markets there for colonial produce. His first inquiry was directed to the trade in woolen goods, and in Hongkong he found that fourteen large Chinese firms practically monopolized the soft goods import trade. He spoke to the leading men about introducing wool from Australia for purposes of manufacture, and found there was a consensus of opinion that the possibilities of the trade were great. Hitherto the trade has consisted principally of cotton goods, but woolen articles are greatly increasing in favour, and Mr. Tart was assured that if the industry were properly started there would be no question as to its ultimate success. It would have to be begun in a moderate way, as the trade needed to be worked up; but the manufacturers would require British experts and machinery, while there would be an abundance of local cheap labour. If a factory were started on such lines as these, the Chinese merchants would readily become shareholders. Mr. Quong Tart was taken round by the Surveyor-General in a steam launch, and shown several suitable localities for a factory, and was assured that every facility would be afforded for the establishment of the industry. Tinned meats would not be acceptable, as they would have to contend with the prejudice that exists against 'dead' meat, but there is a splendid market for flour and preserved fruit, with a good market also for butter.

H.M.S. *Pallas* sailed from Malta on 8th ult. for Gibraltar and Portsmouth, where she will pay off.

The *Geikai Maru* has been converted into an armed cruiser. This accounts for her cruising in Pechili Gulf.

CAPTAIN W. A. D. V. Brownlow, R.N., C.B., died on 9th ult. at his residence at the *Zarzar* at the attack on the batteries in the Straits of Simenian in September, 1864, when he was dangerously wounded, and was promoted in the succeeding November to the rank of commander.

THE arrangements for the transfer of the Japanese steamer *Kachidate Maru* to the British flag having been completed, that ship was hoisted on her at Shanghai on the 27th ult. The transfer, according to the *Japan Mail*, has been made chiefly to simplify the settlement of the collision between herself and the *Chinghi*.

THE Greenwich Hospital Pension of £50 a year for paymaster, rendered vacant by the death of Fleet-Paymaster Edmund A. Rowe, has been awarded to Fleet-Paymaster Shulman, C. H. Hill, M. Hill, Captain of the *Bogue*, Canton, and Foochow, and, with the Marine Brigade, was present at the surrender of Peking; for his services on these occasions he was thanked in General Orders.

A Berlin correspondent states that the favourable reports about the Russo-Chinese negotiations relative to the Pami, and the reports of the existence of a secret Russo-Chinese Treaty are unfounded. The Chinese Envoy, Hsu Ching-Cheng, who has been staying for about half a year at the Russian capital, will return to Berlin in September, without having succeeded in advancing the negotiations a single step.

THE PLAQUE IN HONGKONG.
The Government acceded to the request of the Permanent Committee to close the branch hospital at the Kennedy-town cattle depot to-day. The Tung Wah authorities are reported to have ascertained that to-day is particularly propitious for the removal of the remaining patients.

The Government having requested the Permanent Committee to express an opinion as to the advisability of withdrawing the proclamation and declaring the port free from infection, the Committee replied that the plague was not quite dead, and that the special powers created under the proclamation still continued to be required.

The following are the statistics of the Hongkong Hospitals for the twenty-four hours to noon to-day:—

| Admissions | Deaths | Discharges | Under Treatment |
|------------|--------|------------|-----------------|
| 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

The following are the statistics of the Lai Chi Kok Hospital for the 8th inst. published in the *Chinese Mail* (Vol. 17, No. 10):—Admissions, 7; Deaths, 0; Discharges, 0; Under Treatment, 49.

THE CHINA-JAPAN WAR.
According to a private letter from Tientsin, information of Herr von Hanneken's intention to go to Corea on board the *Kong-shing* was conveyed to the Japanese by the telegraph of a Chinese clerk in the Imperial Telegraph Administration at Tientsin. Important hints of this kind, of course, make a great difference, and the Japanese seem to have done remarkably well in this line, having 'spotted' both the military adviser and the military treasure-chest. The telegraph clerk was summoned to the yamen round by the Surveyor-General in a steam launch, and shown several suitable localities for a factory, and was assured that every facility would be afforded for the establishment of the industry. Tinned meats would not be acceptable, as they would have to contend with the prejudice that exists against 'dead' meat, but there is a splendid market for flour and preserved fruit, with a good market also for butter.

H.M.S. *Pallas* sailed from Malta on 8th ult. for Gibraltar and Portsmouth, where she will pay off.

The *Geikai Maru* has been converted into an armed cruiser. This accounts for her cruising in Pechili Gulf.

CAPTAIN W. A. D. V. Brownlow, R.N., C.B., died on 9th ult. at his residence at the *Zarzar* at the attack on the batteries in the Straits of Simenian in September, 1864, when he was dangerously wounded, and was promoted in the succeeding November to the rank of commander.

THE arrangements for the transfer of the Japanese steamer *Kachidate Maru* to the British flag having been completed, that ship was hoisted on her at Shanghai on the 27th ult. The transfer, according to the *Japan Mail*, has been made chiefly to simplify the settlement of the collision between herself and the *Chinghi*.

THE Greenwich Hospital Pension of £50 a year for paymaster, rendered vacant by the death of Fleet-Paymaster Edmund A. Rowe, has been awarded to Fleet-Paymaster Shulman, C. H. Hill, M. Hill, Captain of the *Bogue*, Canton, and Foochow, and, with the Marine Brigade, was present at the surrender of Peking; for his services on these occasions he was thanked in General Orders.

A Berlin correspondent states that the favourable reports about the Russo-Chinese negotiations relative to the Pami, and the reports of the existence of a secret Russo-Chinese Treaty are unfounded. The Chinese Envoy, Hsu Ching-Cheng, who has been staying for about half a year at the Russian capital, will return to Berlin in September, without having succeeded in advancing the negotiations a single step.

OLUB TALK.
When we've got the law amended By a lawyer up to date, Will the plague head shortly quit us, With 'I'm off, its getting late' That's a matter for conjecture, Time will settle that dispute, In the meantime, chappie, tell me, Where is got the cheapest suit?

When the separate system's finished, Will the rain clouds gather thick, And with torrents dash our sewers To the dirt has time to tick? That's a matter for conjecture, Time will settle that dispute, In the meantime, tell me, O my boy! Where I'll get an awful!

When the Reclamation's over With the roads be laid with clay, Or with bones from Sandy Bay? That's a matter for conjecture, Time will settle that dispute, In the meantime, O my boy! Tell me, meantime, O my boy! Where I can get a sun-hat!

When our town is newly modelled, Will the passions block the way, Shall we make Tom-fool concessions To the coolies day by day? These are matters for conjecture, Time will settle such disputes, And my thoughts are idly running On investments in cheroots.

What on earth your soul is vexing, Where's the need of suit or boots? I can't see the need to suit or boots! Can't you, chappie? I'm a prophet, And I'll make or take a bet That full half of us must surely Do a Weston when we get.

Farwell, chappie, I may never See your vantage phiz again; But I stay not, now, or ever, Near a separate system drain.

9th August.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LIMITED.
The following is the report of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited, to be presented to the ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the offices of the company, No. 14, Praya, Hongkong, on Monday, the 20th August.

To the shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Report, with a Statement of Accounts for the half-year ended 30th June last.

To the receipts for the six months ended 30th June last, the net profit, after paying interest due and all charges, amounts to £162,374.54.

To the balance brought forward from last account £3,774.41

and from this have to be deducted:—

Directors' Fees, £3,500.00
Auditors' Fees, 400.00

leaving available for appropriation £162,443.95

The Directors recommend that a dividend for the half-year of 10 per cent. or £109,376 be paid to the Shareholders, a Bonus of £500 to Contributing Shareholders, that £30,000 be written from the value of Kwong Lok Docks, £5,000 from the steam launches, and the balance £37,973.95 be carried to new account.

The volume of business done at the Company's docks and wharves during the half-year may be considered as fairly satisfactory, although a number of vessels having left these waters, our docks during certain periods were not fully employed.

The small dock at Kwong Lok is now being lengthened from 230 to 280 feet on the wharf side, and the wharf is being given greater facilities for docking coasting steamers, many of which are too heavy for the slips and too small for the larger docks. The cost of this work will be £7,500.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

THE VICTORIAN MILITARY FORCE.
London, July 11.—Colonels O. H. Sprague and E. M. Baker, of the Royal Artillery, are applicants for the position of Commandant of the Victorian military force, in view of the early retirement of Major-General Tulloh on the completion of his term of office.

MELBOURNE BANK OF AUSTRALIA.
London, July 9.—Mr. C. J. Stewart, the official receiver, expects to be able to pay the creditors of the Bank of Australia in 6d in the £3 at the end of October.

THE COSTA RICA PACIFIER CASE.
London, July 13.—In the House of Commons last night Sir Edward Grey stated in answer to a question that the Costa Rica Pacifier case. They were also engaged in weighing the conditions of the proposed arbitration.

RULES OF CRICKET.
London, July 10.—The Marylebone Club, the authoritative body in all matters relating to cricket law, has unanimously decided that the following shall take place if one team terminate its innings for a score of 120 less than its opponents in a three-day match, or 80 in a one-day match.

AN ANTI-SUBVERSIVE MANIFESTO.
London, July 10.—Lord Henry Francis Hope, Fellow of the Royal Society, and a member of the House of Commons, has issued a manifesto to the effect, recently filed his schedule in the Court of Bankruptcy. The amount of his liabilities is £268,900. The manifest declares that he has lost £70,000 gambling and £22,000 in the Costa Rica Pacifier case, and further that he has a debt of £46,000 on behalf of other persons.

PREFERENTIAL TRADE WITHIN THE EMPIRE.
London, July 11.—At the Ottawa Conference the resolution passed by the House of Commons, and seconded by Sir Henry Wrixon (Victoria), in favour of preferential trade within the Empire as against foreign goods, was carried by 160 to 100.

THE NAVAL ENGAGEMENT.—MORE DETAILS.
The following account of the naval engagement off Asan, supplied by the Tokyo News Agency, is stated to have been received from trustworthy sources. At 4.30 a.m. on the 25th ultimo, two Chinese war vessels, *Tsing-yuen* and *Kiang-yueh*, which had been lying for several days in Obi-bay, put to sea. Two hours afterwards, three Japanese war vessels also set out from the same port to ascertain the state of things in the neighbourhood of Nam-Yang. Nearing the island of Phung-Dy, at a little past 7 o'clock, they perceived at a distance the two Chinese warships advancing towards them, and when the two squadrons approached each other, the Chinese, instead of saluting the Japanese vessels, on which was a flag, were observed to have their guns run out and their men at quarters. The Japanese war vessels, on making this discovery, quickly effected preparations for an emergency. The Chinese soon afterwards opened fire and the challenge was at once taken up by the Japanese, whose shells soon began to tell upon the Chinese ships. The latter, after a short time, ran up the Japanese ensign over a white flag, and this being regarded as a declaration of surrender, the Japanese ships approached within a distance of 300 metres, whereupon the *Tsing-yuen* treacherously discharged a torpedo against one of the Japanese ships and at the same time recommenced firing. The Japanese returned the fire vigorously. While these things were in progress, the *Tsing-yuen* in sight another ship and a transport, both flying the flag of a neutral Power. One of the Japanese war-vessels instantly advanced to meet these new arrivals, and found that although hoisting a foreign flag, the war-vessel belonged to the Chinese, namely, the *Tsing-yuen*, which was on board. These two vessels, notwithstanding the budding they showed, fired upon the approaching Japanese ship, and a hot engagement began at once. Meanwhile, the *Tsing-yuen* and the *Kiang-yueh*, having received orders to retire, moved away in the direction of Obi-bay, and the latter in that of Asan. The Japanese vessels, instead of pursuing them, went to the assistance of the other Japanese warship fighting at a short distance off. The transport was soon sunk, while the *Tsing-yuen*, which had hoisted a white flag, when the captured vessel had been taken possession of, one of the Japanese ships started to follow the *Tsing-yuen*, but the latter having a start of 30 or 40 minutes could not be easily overtaken. Consequently the pursuit was unsuccessful. As to the *Kiang-yueh*, which fled in the direction of Asan, she is said to have been stranded and abandoned by the crew.

THE JAPANESE VICTORY IN COREA.
According to telegrams forwarded from Suichu at 7.15 a.m. on the 2nd instant, the Japanese troops gained a signal victory over the Chinese at a place called Suog-hwan, 11th inst. from Paris. This is his Excellency's first arrival in this country, where he has come to take up his new diplomatic duties. The Chinese Minister was met at Dover by Sir Halliday Macartney (Permanent Secretary), and at Victoria by the British Consul-General. On 12th inst. his Excellency paid a visit to the Earl of Kimberley at the Foreign Office, when he was introduced to the Secretary of State by Sir Halliday Macartney. The British Secretary to the Legation, Mr. Meredith, during the last few hours he has been here, has created a favourable impression, will shortly be received by Her Majesty the Queen, and present his credentials.

THERE'S NO PROPERTY IN A BON MOT. 'Twas mine; 'tis his; and he has sworn I saw it; And he says so, swearing as much as I do. This plain English tells the story of an Ontario political lawyer, Mr. Meredith. On the occasion of his first public contest, he was addressing a public meeting on the night previous to polling-day, when a man in the crowd got off the then somewhat novel query, 'Does your mother know you're out?' There was, of course, a laugh; but the laugh was turned when Mr. Meredith replied, 'Yes, my friend; and by this time to-morrow night she will know I am in. This precise platform retort was recorded several years ago to the credit of Lord Carmarthen, M.P., who would perhaps scarcely be suspected of such a ready tongue, but whose youthful appearance made the story equally applicable to his case. 'Whom does it really belong to? Another of Mr. Meredith's responses is thus narrated:—A rough interrupted him with the gag, 'Got your hair cut?' Mr. Meredith fixed his eyes on the interrupter. Recognising him as a man whom he, as a lawyer, had been instrumental in 'sending down' to do a term, he quietly remarked: 'It seems to me I once had something to do with getting your hair cut.' Is there a rival claimant to this too among our many legal M.P.'s?

draw near before the police could prevent him, uttering threats against the Prince. Lord Penryn had gone to the station to meet his guests and was riding to the landau with them. As the man stepped alongside the carriage Lord Penryn struck him a heavy blow which staggered him. Spectators sprang upon the man and placed him under arrest.

CONDITION OF THE POPE.
New York, July 9.—The *Herald's* Rome dispatch says: (It is undeniable that the Pope is becoming greatly enfeebled, but his condition is not dangerous. The recent intense heat has greatly affected his health and caused him to have frequent fainting fits. The gravity of his condition is naturally belittled at the Vatican, but there is nevertheless a great deal of anxiety among the members of the Pope's household. The Vatican gave out this evening a denial of the report that the Pope was ill. The correspondent learned that despite the denial from the Vatican the Pope's health is badly shaken owing to the reopening of a painful wound in his leg.

ANARCHISM IN EUROPE.
Paris, July 8.—A special Cabinet council, presided over by Premier Dupuy, was held to-day. There was a complete discussion of the anti-anarchist measures decided upon by the Council of Ministers the day before last. Mr. Carnot's murder. These measures provide for the removal to the correctional tribunals for trial of offenders who hitherto have been sent to the assizes for trial before juries. Among the offences covered by the Ministers are incitement to murder, robbery, and the use of explosives, and speeches advocating 'times against the state and the defence' such crimes. The publication of any anarchist trials is forbidden under any penalties.

MADRID, July 10.—An anarchist has been arrested at St. Juanquero, near Gernona, upon suspicion of being concerned in the plot to assassinate President Casimir-Perier of France.

BARCELONA, July 10.—Romero Murcello, who attempted to assassinate the Civil Governor of Barcelona, has been sentenced to a term of seven years' imprisonment.

LONDON, July 10.—The *Standard's* correspondent at Vienna telegraphs that the proposed autumn manoeuvres of the Russian army near Simulsk have been abandoned. The abandonment was due to a discovery recently of mines that were intended to take up the building which would have been occupied as the headquarters of the Czar. A number of nihilists have been arrested in connection with the plot.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 10.—There were reported in this city yesterday 215 new cases of cholera and sixty-nine deaths. The physicians and authorities are seriously alarmed by the spread of the cholera. Elaborate sanitary precautions have been taken.

DISSEMINATION OF ENGLISH OFFICERS.
Dublin, July 13.—The *Freeman's Journal* to-day published a startling account of a scandal at Birr, King's county, the headquarters of the Prince of Wales' Lister Regiment of Royal Corps of Artillery. A few nights after the departure of the regiment, a number of the officers of the Lister Regiment, masked and disguised, forcibly entered the rooms of the female servants, assaulted two of them and fled. The sentry challenged them, and upon their refusal to halt, a bayonet charge was made against the guard. The guard turned out promptly, and the officers arrested them. The girls have sworn to complicity against the prisoners.

FIGHTING IN AFRICA.
London, July 8.—Advices have been received from the Congo State showing that the Mahdists attacked the fortified position at Mundu, on the Upper Nile, on March 18th.

The Congo State troops completely defeated the enemy. Captain Bonvald and Sergeant Sigot of the Congo State forces were killed.

LONDON, July 11.—A dispatch to the *Times* from Brussels says that the *Lube-pennine* Belgae has received a dispatch from the Congo Free State to the effect that the State's forces suffered a complete rout in the fight which took place at Mundu on March 18th last. The Mahdists captured all the baggage and ammunition and killed Captain Bonvald.

FIGHTING IN SOUTH SEA ISLANDS.
Auckland, (New Zealand), July 9.—Several hill tribes of Vanuatu island of the Fiji group refused to pay communal duties, and armed with clubs, attacked the native police who tried to enforce their collection. Sir John B. Thurston, British Governor of Fiji, took steps to quell the uprising, and after a severe encounter was successful. Seven rebels were killed and a large number wounded. Troops were also wounded.

BLISBY.
London, July 12.—At the meeting of the National Rifle Association to-day, with Martin-Harry rifles, the 'ladie' prize, seven shots at 600 yards, was won by Mitchell, who scored a score of 35, the highest possible number.

LONDON, July 14.—The McKilloch challenge cup won by the English team. The score was: England 133, Scotland 128, Canada 114, Wales 89.

For the Echo which, at 800 yards, England and Scotland tied with 507. The Irish team scored 564.

LONDON, July 15.—The Canadian riders who took part in the contests at Blisby took a fair share of the prizes. In the Jeffrey competition, Sergeant Milligan and a Scotchman, Wilson, took a tie for the first prize. They will shoot again to decide the ownership of the prize. Mayhew, Kimberley, Mitchell and MacNaughton won small money prizes.

ENGLISH FAVORS JAPAN.
London, July 7.—There is an unmistakable tendency in the Foreign Office to support Japan in her dispute with China in regard to Corea. It is reported on unimpeachable authority that the first sign of China's offering to Russia a change in the line of the frontier in return for Russian assistance against Japan will be the signal for the British to reoccupy Port Hamilton.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 7.—The *Novoe Vremya* declares that Russia's interests render her unable to permit Japan to seize Corea.

U.S. CRUISER IN COLLISION.
Washington, July 10.—A telegram received at the Navy Department to-day confirmed the report that the *Chicago* was in collision this morning at Antwerp with the tank steamer *Asaf*. The damage is estimated at \$120,000, and as the *Chicago* was at anchor at the time the collision occurred, it must have been the *Asaf* which struck the *Chicago* amidships on the starboard side. Her plates were bent and broken.

GERMANY AND SPAIN.—COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN.
London, July 10.—The Spanish Cortes having decided without voting a treaty of commerce with Germany, the German Government has notified Spain that commercial relations between the two Governments must be regarded as severed, and that it will not entertain Spain's proposals for a modern treaty.

UNITED STATES TRADE WITH GREAT BRITAIN.
London, July 10.—The *Times*, in its financial article, says: Our commercial claims on America are much reduced this year. The Board of Trade returns for June

furnish remarkable evidence of the diminution in British exports to America. Comparing June 1894, with June 1893, there was a total decrease of £701,000, the largest items being woollens and tin plate.

DISASTROUS FIRES.
St. Petersburg, July 9.—The town of Plankin, Russia, has been destroyed by fire. Three hundred and seventy-five houses have been burned and over 2000 persons are without shelter. Some children have perished in the flames.

ZOUKEN, July 10.—The fire in the arsenal to-night caused damage to the amount of several millions of francs. The large machinery section, in which were valuable electrical instruments, was destroyed. The cause of the fire has not been learned.

BRUSSELS, July 11.—The Theater Palace, recently opened, was burned just after the performance last night. Loss, 1,000,000 francs.

SHIPWRECK NEWS.
Liverpool, July 9.—The Weaver line steamer *Lake Superior*, Captain Stewart, arrived here to-day from Montreal and reports having been struck by ice in the strait of Belle Island. The steamer's fore-peak is full of water.

ODessa, July 11.—The survivors of the steamer *Pladimir*, which was sunk by a collision with the Italian steamer *Orion* the day before last, have arrived here. They report that 100 of the ship's passengers were drowned.

CAPE TOWN, July 11.—The American bark *Mary S. Arma*, Captain Knowles, bound from Samarang, Java, for Dago, Java, South Africa, has been stranded at sea in a sinking condition. Part of the crew were saved and landed at Mangabato.

RUSH AFFAIRS.
Dublin, July 10.—O'Donovan Rossa received only three votes for O'Connell of this city.

At the sitting of the Irish Land Commission to-day a majority of the members voted against Mr. Morley, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, on a question of procedure. This being the third time Mr. Morley's authority has been put in question, he adjourned the meeting in order to consider whether he should resign the chairmanship. Amid the confusion which prevailed somebody shouted: 'You had better reconsider your position as Chief Secretary for Ireland as well as for the United Kingdom.'

RAILWAY (FIRTH OF CLYDE), July 12.—The sixth race in which the yacht *Briantia* and *Vigilant* have been rivals, and the second of the races on the Royal Northern Yacht Club's course, was sailed to-day. The results were practically the same as in the first proceeding race, a victory for the *Briantia*. There was more wind than during yesterday's contest. Fifty miles were sailed. The *Briantia* had slightly the best of the wind-off. With time allowance of three minutes, the *Briantia* won by 4 minutes and 30 seconds.

DUBLIN, (Inland), July 10.—For the seventh time the American yacht has been defeated in a race with the *Briantia*. The contest to-day was an exciting one, and the British cutter plucked victory out of the jaws of defeat. The race was a two-hundred-mile race, with every appearance of an American success.

The race was for the County Downs cup, worth £50, with £25 added for the second yacht, over the Royal Ulster Yacht Club's course. *Bellona* Lough, fifty feet of length, and *Briantia*, thirty feet, were the competitors. The *Briantia* started her sixth defeat by small alterations of a radical kind. Her topmast has been shortened by four and one-half feet. Her spinnaker boom has been shortened four feet and cut down an inch in diameter. The *Briantia* had been out of her bowsprit. She had new wire bowsprit and her ballast was lightened. With the reduction of canvas the allowance to the *Briantia* was reduced from three minutes to one minute and three seconds.

The race to-day was open to yachts over forty rating, but the American and the British cutter *Briantia* alone completed. The *Briantia* had three seconds the best of the start and at the Carrickfergus boat led by fifteen seconds, but half way to Black Head she was passed by the *Vigilant*, which passed that mark twenty seconds ahead.

At South Briggs the *Vigilant's* lead had been increased to fifty-two seconds. When the rate was half sailed the *Vigilant* led two minutes and three seconds. The *Vigilant* rounded the home-point first. Time, 1:02:24; *Briantia*, 1:03:55.

The *Briantia* made a gain of fifty seconds on the first leg on the second round, and passed the Carrickfergus mark boat only forty-one seconds behind the American. The advantage was only temporary, however. The *Vigilant* to the gap and rounded the mark two minutes, forty-four seconds in the lead, having gained two minutes and fourteen seconds. Fourteen seconds were added to the lead in the run to complete the second round.

The time of the sixth yachts in rounding the Bangor mark were: *Vigilant*, 2:48:58; *Briantia*, 2:51:11. The *Briantia* passed the *Vigilant* between the first and second marks on the third round, and led by two minutes and nineteen seconds.

After the *Briantia* got ahead the race was virtually over, as the *Briantia* was enabled, with a fresher breeze, to beat the *Vigilant* easily. The result of the race was in no way in accordance with the form shown by either yacht during the early stages of the contest. The *Vigilant* exhibited decided superiority at every point, and ought to have won with a couple of minutes to spare over the time allowance.

TRANSFERRING CABLE.
Montreal, July 10.—Mr. Siemens, an electrical engineer, is in Ottawa, and has made proposition to lay the cable from Victoria, British Columbia, to Sydney, New South Wales. He will guarantee to complete the work within three years and says that his expenses will be less than any other bidder. His offer is being considered by the Dominion Government, which will announce its decision in a few days.

PATENTISM NOT APPRECIATED.
Oxford, (Eng.), July 10.—Steward Sharwill and George F. Sanford, of the Yale team, were present today in court charged with the setting off of works in High street on the Fourth of July.

They both pleaded guilty, but in explanation said that they were not cognizant of the law and desisted when warned by the police. They were released upon payment of costs.

YALE A OXFORD.—EXPED WENT.
London, July 10.—Yale and Oxford were to Oxford, three to Yale, and one to the Yale. The best of Yale friends have been able to do. As they were the challengers, it is perhaps less than we had a right to hope for. It is also less than their opponents feared. More certainly have once more betrayed those who have counted on both sides. The handle race was conceded to Yale and was won by Oxford. For the long jump Yale was said by experts to have only a fighting chance, and Sheldon won it magnificently with nine inches to spare. So much for the chances just mentioned. The following were the results: 100 yards dash—Charles B. Fry (Yale College), first; Gilbert Jordan (University College), second; Ashley Fould (Yale), third. Time, 0:10.

150 yards hurdle race—William J. Oakley (Christ Church), first; G. D. Hatch (Yale), second; Thomas G. Scott (Hartford College), third. Time, 0:16 1-5.

440 yards race—Gilbert Jordan (University), first; G. Sanford (Yale), second; Ashley Fould (Yale), third. Time, 0:51.

Half-mile race—Wilfred Greenhouse (Exeter), first; Francis Rathbone (New College), second; W. S. Woodhall (Yale), third. Time, 2:00 4-5.

One-mile race—Wilfred H. Greenhouse (Exeter), first; J. E. Morgan (Yale), second. Time, 4:24 2-5.

Running broad jump—L. P. Sheldon (Yale), 22 feet 11 inches; O. E. Fry (Yale), 22 feet 11 inches; W. J. Oakley (Christ Church) 22 feet 11 inches.

Running high jump—P. Sheldon and Eric D. Shaw (University College) tied for first place at 5 feet 8 inches. The event was divided.

Putting shot—W. O. Hickok (Yale), 41 feet 7 inches; Alexander Brown (Yale), 40 feet; Arthur F. Malling (Exeter), 36 feet 31 inches.

Throwing the hammer—W. O. Hickok, 110 feet 5 inches; Alexander Brown, 104 feet; George S. Robinson (New College), 101 feet 10 inches.

Hickok of Yale and Fry of Oxford were interviewed after the games. Fry was very happy. He said, too, that the Oxford team were delighted with the Yale athletes. He thought the Americans had done their best and certainly were not up to the record. This was because they were over-tired, while the Oxford men had not reached their best form because they were undertrained. All the members of his team were surprised at Hickok's work with the hammer and weight. He regretted that weather changes were not better, and thought if the track had been good, he would have cleared twenty-four feet in the running broad jump. He said further that although it was difficult to induce the Oxford men to train in the summer time he was determined, if possible, to get Oxford to agree to a return match with Yale in 1895. He hoped the athletes from the two universities could meet annually.

Hickok said he was bitterly disappointed, not so much because Yale was beaten as because the men did not do as well as they did in the trials.

I have thrown the hammer, he said, 'over 125 feet, but to-day I could not exceed 110 feet. However, there is no use in looking for reasons. They get there first and we are beaten.'

The Sportsman's Club entertained the Yale-Oxford team at dinner to-night. Each member of the team was greeted with loud cheers as he entered the banquet hall. Besides the teams there were 150 guests, most of them men of distinction. Sir Richard Webster, formerly Attorney-General, presided.

United States ambassador Bayard sat at his right and Sir John Aspley at the left, the two teams following side by side.

After the company had toasted the Queen, President Cleveland, the Prince of Wales and the members of the royal family, Sir Richard Webster presented the medals to the successful athletes.

Quotations.

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Oceanic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama) ... TUESDAY, Aug. 21, at 1 p.m.
 Gaelic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama) ... TUESDAY, Sept. 11, at 1 p.m.
 Belgic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama) ... WEDNESDAY, Oct. 10, at 1 p.m.

THE STEAMSHIP OCEANIC will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, and YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 21st August, at 1 p.m., connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Navy, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight and Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, August 1, 1894. 1261

Mails.



STEAM FOR
 OCEYON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,
 ADEN, EGYPT,
 MEDITERRANEAN PORTS,
 PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
 Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship **ROSETTA**, Captain G. W. F. Brown, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on THURSDAY, the 18th August, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. (This Steamer connects at Bombay with the **CARTHAGE** which Vessel takes on her Cargo for London, via SUEZ CANAL, leaving that port on the 7th SEPTEMBER, 1894.) Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
 H. H. JOSEPH,
 Superintendent,
 P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
 Hongkong, August 2, 1894. 1265

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX; ALSO PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 22nd August, 1894, at Noon, the Company's Steamship **OXUS**, Commandant DUPONT, with MAILS, will leave this Port for the above places.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
 Agent.

Hongkong, August 9, 1894. 1300

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Victoria ... Tuesday August 28.
 Tacoma ... Tuesday Sept. 25.
 Seattle ... Tuesday October 16.
 Victoria ... Tuesday November 6.
 Tacoma ... Tuesday December 11.

THE Steamship **VICTORIA**, Capt. JOHN PATTON, R.N.R., sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 28th August, will proceed to VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA, via SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of The Freight Agent Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office with address marked in full by 5 p.m., on the day previous to sailing.

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 Agents.

Hongkong, August 9, 1894. 1301

Intimations.

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 * **EMPEROR OF INDIA**, Comdr. G. P. MARSHALL, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 5th Sept.
 * **EMPEROR OF JAPAN**, Comdr. G. A. LEE, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 3rd October.

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 D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
 PEDDAR STREET. 1295

Hongkong, August 8, 1894.

* NOTICE.—The **EMPEROR OF CHINA** will make her return voyage from Shanghai instead of Hongkong, and will leave that port on her regular sailing date. Mails, Passengers and Cargo from Hongkong intended for her will be forwarded to SHANGHAI by the Indo-China Navigation Company's steamer **CHOYBANG**, leaving Hongkong at Noon, on WEDNESDAY, 15th instant, and connecting at Shanghai with this Company's Steamer.

SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS.—AUGUST 10, 1894.

Stocks. No. of Shares. Value. Paid-up. Closing Quotations, Cash.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp., 30,000 \$ 125 all 98 % prem., sales

New Issue

Bank of China, Japan and Straits, 99,875 \$ 10 1/2 1.15 nom.

Bank of China, Ltd., 1,200,000 \$ 1 1/2 25, buyers

National Bank of China, Ltd., 1,000,000 \$ 10 1/2 8.10 \$23, sellers

MARINE INSURANCE.

Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd., 10,000 \$ 20 1/2 50 \$140

China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., 24,000 \$ 83.33 \$ 22 \$65, sales

North-China Insurance Co., Ltd., 5,000 \$ 20 1/2 50 \$167

Straits Insurance Co., Ltd., 30,000 \$ 10 1/2 20 \$18, sales and buyers

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., 25,000 \$ 25 1/2 20 \$125, sellers

Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd., 8,000 \$ 60 1/2 75

FIRE INSURANCE.

China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 20,000 \$ 10 1/2 75

Commercial Union Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 8,000 \$ 25 1/2 180

Shanghai Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 20,000 \$ 10 1/2 20 \$20, sellers

DOCKERS.

Wong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., 12,000 \$ 125 all 85 % prem.

STEAMSHIPS.

China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd., 5,000 \$ 50 1/2 55, sellers

Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., 20,000 \$ 20 1/2 50, sellers

A. K. C. and M. Steamship Co., Ltd., 20,000 \$ 20 1/2 50, sales

Indo-China S. S. Co., Ltd., 60,000 \$ 10 1/2 30 % dis., sellers

Steam Launch Company, Ltd., 2,000 \$ 2 1/2 10

China Mutual S. S. Co., 20,000 \$ 10 1/2 27, \$2.10, \$1, sellers

DO (new issue), 20,000 \$ 10 1/2 1

REFINERIES.

China Sugar Company, Ltd., 15,000 \$ 100 1/2 160

Union Sugar Company, Ltd., 7,000 \$ 10 1/2 148

H. K. & Kow Wharf & Godown Co., 20,000 \$ 50 1/2 37 1/2

Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Ltd., 2,600 \$ 100 1/2 37 1/2 \$40, sellers

LAND AND BUILDING.

Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Ltd., 50,000 \$ 10 1/2 50 \$51, sales

Kowloon Land and Building Company, 6,000 \$ 50 1/2 59 1/2, sellers

Hampshire's Estate & Finance Co., 1,000 \$ 10 1/2 10 1/2, nom.

West Point Building Co., Ltd., 12,500 \$ 5 1/2 42 \$22, sellers

TRAMWAYS.

H. K. High-Level Tramway Co., Ltd., 1,200 \$ 10 1/2 70

Jelapu Mining & Trading Co., Ltd., 45,000 \$ 5 1/2 30, sellers

Panjoon Mining Co., Ltd., 60,000 \$ 4 1/2 30, sales and sellers

Societe Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin, 8,000 \$ 50 1/2 50 \$55, sellers

New Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ltd., 15,000 \$ 10 1/2 11.80 \$2, \$2, nom.

Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd., 20,000 \$ 1 13/10 14.75

Societe Francaise des Houilleries du Tonkin, 8,000 \$ 500 1/2 100

PLANTING, ETC.

China-Borneo Company, Ltd., 7,500 \$ 10 1/2 50

H. G. Brown & Co., Ltd., 6,000 \$ 50 1/2 54, buyers

Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd., 6,000 \$ 50 1/2 51, sellers

A. B. Watson & Co., Ltd., 60,000 \$ 10 1/2 51, sellers

Dakin, Croisshank & Co., Ltd., 50,000 \$ 5 1/2 51, sales

LORRYING.

H. K. and China Gas Co., Ltd., 7,000 \$ 10 1/2 125

Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., 20,000 \$ 10 1/2 54.50, buyers

BRICK AND CEMENT.

Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., 20,000 \$ 50 1/2 55, buyers

Hongkong Brick & Cement Co., Ltd., 4,000 \$ 15 \$12.50 \$4, buyers

MISCELLANEOUS.

Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd., 1,200 \$ 10 1/2 54, sellers

China Foreign & Co., Ltd., 6,000 \$ 50 1/2 54, sales

Hongkong Bakery Company, Ltd., 3,000 \$ 10 1/2 57, sellers

Hongkong Ice Company, Ltd., 5,000 \$ 25 1/2 70, ex.

H. K. Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd., 3,000 \$ 50 1/2 105, sellers

* Founder's shares

LOANS.

Amount. Value. Interest. Quotation.

Chinese Imperial 1894, 7,777,200 \$ 250 1/2 7 % p. annum 10 % prem., sales

Hongkong Local Mortgage Debentures, 1899, 400,000 \$ 500 5 % prem. \$500

Intimations.

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To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven sections, each marked as follows:

Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore K., and those in the body of the Harbour are marked B., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

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